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APD Vehicular Homicide Detectives seek the public's assistance, **Family offers \$5000 reward**

APD Vehicular Homicide Detectives are seeking the public's assistance in locating Jose Luis Dorantes (DOB 10-13-87), the driver of the vehicle that struck and killed Eric Laufer (DOB 11-07-82) on Thursday, September 4, 2008.

Eric's family is offering a \$5,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of Jose Luis Dorantes.

Around 4:18 a.m. Austin Police patrol officers were dispatched to a crash in the 8400 block of Research Blvd. A motorcycle was traveling northbound on Research Boulevard at the time of the crash. A 1995 GMC Yukon, driven by Dorantes, struck the motorcycle and left the scene. The driver of the motorcycle was located on Research Boulevard proper, but the motorcycle was located approximately one mile away on the east frontage, near the intersection of Burnet Road and Research Boulevard.

Austin-Travis County EMS responded and the motorcyclist, Eric Laufer was pronounced deceased at the scene. He was wearing a helmet and full protective gear.

Anyone with any information about this incident is asked to contact the APD Vehicular Homicide Unit Detectives at 472-TIPS (8477). This case remains under investigation by Vehicular Homicide detectives. This is the 38th traffic fatality of 2008.

Media Advisory: A Vehicular Homicide Detective will be available for interview at 1 p.m. at APD Headquarters on Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

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